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REMARKS

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter this amendment. This Amendment is filed in response to a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, mailed on October 31, 2006. The Applicant has earnestly attempted to address each of the issues raised in the above-mentioned Notice. An "Advisory Action Before the Filing of an Appeal" was also issued on October 31, 2006. An Appeal Brief was filed on May 31, 2006 and re-filed on August 22, 2006 in response to a Notice of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief. As explained to the undersigned by Examiner Smith during a telephone conference on November 13, 2006, the Advisory Action is necessary due to the timing of the non-compliant amendment.

These issues are delineated on page 2 of the Notice and are addressed separately below.

With respect to the issue raised in Paragraph 2 of the Notice, Claim 77 has been amended to incorporate that the display displays the cost of the selected delivery option. With respect to Paragraph 4, the "printer means" element has been amended to add that the placement of the label is the "customer". The term customer is used as opposed to "user" to avoid another antecedent basis issue.

The Applicant does not quite understand the remarks in Paragraph 2 of the Notice. In particular, those remarks indicate that the phrase "parcel or envelope" was addressed in an Official Action, dated February 3, 2006. Actually paragraph 6 of the February 3, 2006 Detailed Action relates to the lack of an antecedent basis for the word "package". Notwithstanding, it is respectfully submitted that claim 77 has been amended to provide proper antecedent basis for the phrase "parcel or envelope".

Based on the above, the Examiner is respectfully requested to enter the following amendment to obviate issues under 35 USC § 112 on appeal.

Respectfully submitted,

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